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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were pending in this application.

Claims 1-4, 9-14, 19-24, 29, and 30 have been rejected.

Claims 5-8, 15-18, and 25-28 have been objected to.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 30 have been amended as shown above.

Claims 5, 15, and 25 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-24, and 26-30 are now pending in this application.

I. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The Applicants have amended the claims as follows.

The independent claims (Claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, and 30) have been amended to reformat the claims and to correct several antecedent basis problems in the claims. These amendments do not alter the scope of the claims. The independent claims have also been amended to incorporate the elements previously recited in allowed dependent Claims 5, 15, and 25.

Claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 26, and 27 have been amended to correct the claim dependencies in light of the cancellation of Claims 5, 15, and 25. Claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 26, and 27 have also been amended to correct several antecedent basis problems in the claims.

II. ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 5-8, 15-18, and 25-28

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would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate the elements of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended all independent claims to incorporate the elements recited in Claims 5, 15, and 25. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

III. CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully request full allowance of the claims.

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SUMMARY

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at wmunck@munckbutrus.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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